OPINION 2173 (Case 3299)

Staphylinus punctulatus Paykull, 1789 (currently *Gyrohypnus punctulatus*; Insecta, Coleoptera, STAPHYLINIDAE): specific name conserved

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Staphylinus punctulatus* Paykull, 1789 is conserved. The name is a junior primary homonym of *Staphylinus punctulatus* Goeze, 1777 (currently *Othius punctulatus*), but the specific names have not been considered as congeneric since 1830.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; STAPHYLINIDAE; *Gyrohypnus punctulatus*; rove beetles; Palaearctic.

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name *punctulatus* Paykull, 1789, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus punctulatus*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *punctulatus* Goeze, 1777, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus punctulatus*.

(2) The name *punctulatus* Paykull, 1789, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus punctulatus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3299

An application to conserve the specific name of *Staphylinus punctulatus* Paykull, 1789 was received from Volker Assing (*Gabelsbergerstr. 2, D-30163 Hannover, Germany*) on 24 August 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **63**: 33–35 (March 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **63**: 34. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 28: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Pyle, Rosenberg, Song, Štys, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative votes – none.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

punctulatus, Staphylinus, Paykull, 1789, *Monographia Staphylinorum Sueciae*, p. 30.